improved it is not possible to take up the question of either opening of new dispensaries or the expansion of the existing institutions. I therefore give this for the information of the hon'ble members.

MR. E. P. POULOSE : കൂടുതൽ ഉപകരണങ്ങളോടുകൂടി ത്രാവിടെ ഒന്നാംഗ്രേഡ് ആശുപത്രി ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നപക്ഷം അതു ജനങ്ങൾക്കു വളരെ ഉപകാരപ്രദമായിരിക്കുമെന്നുള്ള വിവരം ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഗ്രഹിക്കുമോ?

HON'BLE MR. E. K. MADHAVAN : അതേപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാം.

MR. P. T. CHACKO : രോഗികളുംകൂടി ബസ്സിൽകയറി കോട്ടയത്തോ ആലുവായ്ക്കോ പോകണമെന്നാണോ പറയുന്നത്. അങ്ങിനെയാണെങ്കിൽപിന്നെ അവർക്ക് ചികിത്സിക്കേണ്ടിവരികയില്ല.

WRITTEN ANSWERS.

Opening of new Village Uplift Centres.

* 282. MR. E. P. PAULOSE: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Village Uplift be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Government have as yet sanctioned opening of any new village uplift centre this year; and

(*b*) what approximate amount do Government intend utilising for working new centres to be opened this year?

HON'BLE MR. N. KUNJURAMAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to (a) this question does not arise.

Merger of Travancore State with Cochin State.

* 283. MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Hon'ble Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the possibility and probability of a merger of Travancore State with Cochin state; and

(*b*) if so, what is the decision of the Government about such merger?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view to answer to (a).

Transfer from Perumbavoor Hospital.

* 284. MR. MAJEED MARIKAR (*Kunnathnad I—Muslim*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Health be pleased to state:

(*a*) why Dr. P. C. Thomas was transferred to Thumbamon before he completed five months' service in Perumbavoor hospital; and

(*b*) whether there is any special rerson in transferring Mrs. P. K. Gouri, Midwife of Perumbavoor hospital?

HON'BLE MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: (*a*) Due to the exigencies of the service.

(*b*) No.

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* 285. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKER: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state;

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